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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING FOR
NOVEMBER 20, 1975:

Q. WHERE IS AMBASSADOR HELMS?

A. THE LAST I HEARD HE WAS IN IRAN. I AM NOT AWARE THAT HE
IS NOT THERE. I WILL CHECK INTO THAT.

Q. THE MOROCCAN'S CALL TODAY -- DID THAT HAVE ANYTHING TO
DO WITH THE SAHARA SITUATION, OR WHAT?

A. I DON'T KNOW. I WILL HAVE TO CHECK INTO THAT. I
DON'T KNOW THE SUBJECT OF THAT MEETING.

Q. THE DAILY QUESTION -- IS AMBASSADOR MURPHY STILL IN
WASHINGTON?

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A. YES. I BELIEVE HE IS LEAVING TOMORROW.

Q. HAS THE SECRETARY SEEN HIM?

A. YES, HE HAS.

Q. HOW MANY TIMES?

A. I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY TIMES.

Q. IS HE LEAVING BEFORE THE BRIEFING TOMORROW?

A. I DON'T KNOW. HE MAY NOW, AS A RESULT OF YOUR QUESTION

Q. HAS MURPHY SEEN THE PRESIDENT?

A. I DONT KNOW WHETHER HE SAW THE PRESIDENT.

Q. WHAT KIND OF MESSAGE IS AMBASSADOR MURPHY CARRYING
TO PRESIDENT ASSAD, IF ANY?

A. I AM NOT AWARE OF WHAT HIS SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS ARE,
BUT I THINK THEY WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THE STATEMENTS
WE HAVE MADE ON OUR SUPPORT FOR PROGRESS AND MOMENTUM
IN ACHIEVING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

Q. WELL, THEN HE IS SUGGESTING THAT SYRIA BE READY TO
NEGOTIATE A NEW AGREEMENT, BECAUSE THAT WOULD BE
CONSISTENT WITH PROGRESS AND MOMENTUM, WOULDN'T IT?

A. THERE ARE OTHER OPTIONS, AS THE SECRETARY HAS
OUTLINED. THAT WOULD BE ONE WAY. THAT IS ONE OF SEVERAL
THAT WE HAVE MENTIONED.

Q. BASICALLY IT FALLS UNDER THE HEADING OF "GET WITH
IT", DOESN'T IT, ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, TRYING TO --

A. THAT IS ANOTHER DEFINITION OF MOMENTUM.

Q. -- TRYING TO RESUME THE NEGOTIATIONS.

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A. WE HAVE ALSO MENTIONED OTHER OPTIONS -- TO RECONVENE
THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. THE SECRETARY HAS ALSO MENTIONED
SOME SORT OF AN INFORMAL CONFERENCE. THESE ALL REMAIN
POSSIBILITIES.

Q. ARE ANY INDUCEMENTS BEING OFFERED TO SYRIA TO EXTEND
THE UN MANDATE?

A. SPECIFIC?

Q. YES.

A. BY WHOM?

Q. BY US?

A. NOT THAT I AM AWARE OF -- OTHER THAN THE INDUCEMENT THAT WE BELIEVE THAT, AS WE HAVE SAID AND AS MANY OTHER PEOPLE HAVE SAID, WE HOPE THEY WILL EXTEND UNDOF BECAUSE IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE IN THE AREA TO HAVE THIS FORCE REMAIN.

Q. A WEEK OR SO AGO CONGRESSMAN FINDLEY AT THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE ASKED THE SECRETARY A QUESTION ABOUT NUCLEAR POTENTIAL AND THE COUNTRIES RECEIVING ASSISTANCE. THE SECRETARY SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO ANSWER THAT IN WRITING. I THOUGHT HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO ANSWER IT THIS WEEK. SINCE THAT WAS A PUBLIC SESSION, WE ASSUME THAT THE SECRETARY'S RESPONSE TO CONGRESSMAN FINDLEY ALSO WILL BE ON THE RECORD.

YESTERDAY IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION FROM SENATOR JAVITS REGARDING THE SECRETARY'S VIEW ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SUPPORT TO ISRAEL, THE SECRETARY STARTED TO SAY THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE HIM AN ANSWER IN WRITING, AND THEN HE DID RESPOND ORALLY. BUT I WASN'T CLEAR AS TO WHETHER HE WAS GOING TO ADD TO THAT IN WRITING OR NOT.

WHAT I AM AFTER ARE THE WRITTEN STATEMENTS ON BOTH, IF THEY ARE AVAILABLE.

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A. I DON'T KNOW. I WILL CHECK AND SEE WHAT THE STATUS IS OF THESE REQUESTS.

Q. THANK YOU.

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